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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DRYING BULK MATERIAL,

ESPECIALLY BARK, SAWDUST, PRETREATED SLUDGE OR A MIXTURE OF THESE, USE OF A WIRE, METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COOLING WASTE WATER PRODUCED IN A PRODUCTION PROCESS OF PULP OR PAPER, PULP MILL

AND PAPER MILL

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND SPECIES ELECTION

Sir:

This paper is being filed responsive to the Official Action dated September 3, 2008, which set a nominal response due date of October 3, 2008.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121, each section of the subject Amendment (e.g., Claim Amendments, Specification Amendments, Drawing Amendments and Remarks) as may be appropriate to the issues raised in the Official Action to which this paper responds, begins on a separate page. Changes to the original text, claims and the like are shown by striking through language to be deleted and underlining of language to be added.